

REMARKS

With this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-20 be canceled without prejudice. Applicant further presents claims 21-39 herein. Therefore, claims 21-39 are pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103**Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-13, 16-17, and 19**

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-13, 16-17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0006136 of Mallory et al. (*Mallory*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,835,738 of Blackledge, Jr. et al (*Blackledge*). These claims are canceled herein, rendering rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 5, 14, and 20

Claims 5, 14, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mallory* and *Blackledge* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,550,803 of Crayford et al. (*Crayford*). These claims are canceled herein, rendering rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 6, 9, 15, and 18

Claims 6, 9, 15, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mallory* and *Blackledge* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,953,340 of Scott et al. (*Scott*). These claims are canceled herein, rendering rejection of these claims moot.

NEW CLAIMS 21-39

Applicant presents herein new claims 21-39. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable over the cited references, because the cited references fail to disclose at least one element of the invention as recited in these claims.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that all rejections have been overcome placing all pending claims in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the above-referenced application.

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